Support to sportspersons

1237. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has enhanced financial support to outstanding sportspersons living in hardship;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons identified, gender-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has enhanced the financial assistance to sportspersons, living under indigent circumstances with effect from 01.07.2008 under the scheme of National Welfare Fund for sportspersons, as per details given below:

(i) Eligibility Ceiling for outstanding sportspersons in indigent circumstances revised from Rs. 36,000 per annum to Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum.

(ii) Assistance for fatal injury to a sportsperson raised from Rs. 1.00 lakh to Rs. 5.00 lakh.

(iii) Assistance for sustaining injury other than a fatal injury enhanced from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 2.00 lakh.

(iv) Pension for permanently incapacitated outstanding sportsperson increased from Rs. 2500 per month to Rs. 10,000 per month.

(v) Pension in other cases enhanced from Rs. 2,000 per month to Rs. 8,000 per month.

(vi) Assistance to families of indigent sportspersons increased from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 2.00 lakh.

(vii) Assistance for medical treatment increased from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 200 lakh.

(viii) Assistance to eminent coaches, referees and umpires enhanced from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000.

(c) At present 30 sportspersons are getting pension under the Scheme of National Welfare Fund, out of which 25 are male and 5 are female.

Infrastructure for Commonwealth Games 2010

1238. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is hosting Commonwealth Games in 2010;

(b) if so, whether all infrastructure facilities like stadia and hotel accommodation would be ready before the events; and

(c) the present status of infrastructure for Commonwealth Games?